

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-50 were pending in the Application. Applicant amends Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 41 and cancels Claims 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments and cancellations to these claims are not the result of any prior art reference and, thus, do not narrow the scope of any of the claims. Furthermore, the amendments are not related to patentability issues and only further clarify subject matter already present. All of Applicant's amendments have only been done in order to advance prosecution in this case. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 and the Examiner's indication that the subject matter of these claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections (See Pending Office Action, p. 8).

Section 103 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16-19, 21-24, 26-29, 31-34, 36-39, 41-44, and 46-49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,466,571 issued to Dynarski et al. (hereinafter "*Dynarski*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,894 issued to Short et al. (hereinafter "*Short*"). Applicant has incorporated a number of limitations, which were deemed 'allowable' by the Examiner, into the pending claims. Thus, all of the claims are allowable and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, if this is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Thomas J. Frame at 214.953.6675.

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